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LOGAN BOWERS, CANDIDATE FOR SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3, FILES ETHICS COMPLAINT AGAINST COUNCILMEMBER KSHAMA SAWANT

Logan Bowers, lifetime Seattle resident and current candidate for Seattle City Council District 3, has filed a written ethics complaint against current Seattle Councilmember Kshama Sawant for a series of ethics violations she committed between 2016 and 2018.

“As a resident and constituent of District 3, I think we have a right to know whether our current councilmember misappropriated government resources for use by her political organization,” Bowers said, “Our representatives are both legally and morally obligated to work in the interests of the public.”

This ethics complaint is based on the January 7th, 2019 report from SCC Insight stating that the Socialist Alternative has been controlling the Councilmember’s office, including deciding how Sawant votes on items before the Council, hiring and firing of government employees working in her office in City Hall, and using employees in her office to produce work for the Socialist Alternative organization. Beyond the fact that she has never disclosed to her constituents in District 3 that she has ceded these duties to Socialist Alternative, having done so likely violates several provisions of the city’s Ethics Code for government officials and Washington State law.

“This is a gross abuse of public resources and should be alarming, not only to the constituents of District 3, but all Seattle residents. These rules exist so that we can trust our elected representatives are working in our best interests, it appears Sawant has broken that trust,” Bowers said.

Socialist Alternative is a closed-membership, dues-paying organization, requiring prospective members to pass an interview before being allowed in to ensure that they are in agreement with the organization’s political beliefs and, as of the end of 2017, Socialist Alternative had about 1000 members nationwide; 200 of those are in Seattle. It has not registered as a political party and does not disclose its financial contributions or political spending.

Bowers, an engineer and co-owner with his wife of Hashtag Cannabis, is filing this ethics complaint in hopes a full investigation will allow voters in the city to know the extent of any criminal activity at City Hall prior to voting this year.